

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re the Application of:

Kazuhiro OBAE et al.

Serial No. 10/580,863

Group Art Unit: 1623

Confirmation No. 7076

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Examiner: KRISHNAN, GANAPATHY

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**AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL**

Commissioner for Patents  
PO Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed November 23, 2009, and having a period for response set to expire on February 23, 2010. A Petition for a 1-month extension of time, together with the requisite fee for same, is submitted herewith, thereby extending the period for response to March 23, 2010.

The following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted. Reconsideration of the claims is respectfully requested.